

## REMARKS

According to the Examiner, the application contains claims directed to two distinct inventions, namely, Invention I and Invention II. The subject matter of Invention I is embodied in claims 16-19, which are drawn to a method for milling spiral bevel gears and hypoid gears, and the subject matter of Invention II is embodied in claims 20-30, which are drawn to a profile-sharpened or profile-sharpened and additionally form-ground bar cutting blade for milling spiral bevel gears and hypoid gears.

The Examiner alleges that the subject matters of Inventions I and II are related as a product and process of use. The Examiner alleges that in the instant case, the method of Invention I can be practiced by using a cutting tool other than that of Invention II. In other words, the method of using the cutting tool (claims 16-19) can be practiced using a cutting tool other than the one recited with regard to claims 20-30, namely, one that does not require the specifics of the cutting blade tooth and flanks structure as recited in claims 20-30.

The Examiner has required the election of a single Invention for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable.

As stated above, Applicants hereby elect Invention II. Claims 20-30 are the claims encompassing the elected invention.

Applicants believe that the foregoing election fully complies with the Office Action and that all claims of the application are allowable. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference with Applicants' attorneys would be advantageous to the disposition of this case, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned.

Applicants enclose herewith the fee for a one-month extension of time to submit this Response. Applicants believe that no other fees are due with the submission of this Response. If, however, it is deemed that any other fees are in fact due, they may be charged to Deposit Account No. 503342 maintained by Applicants' attorneys.

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